



WEEKLY UPDATE – JUNE 5, 2009

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

RETIREMENT: WHEN EVERY DAY IS SATURDAY!!

After thirty-six years of hard work and dedication to the State of Florida, our dear friend and co-worker, **Barbara Haddock**, has decided to embark on a new adventure in life... retirement. For eleven and a half years Barbara has been a part of the Children's Medical Services, Early Steps family. Throughout her years of service she has been a Program Liaison to almost all of the Local Early Steps programs. The knowledge, experience and guidance that Barbara has brought to this program is invaluable. Barbara will be greatly missed, and we wish her the best in her next chapter of life.

FLORIDA'S DETERMINATION UNDER IDEA

Florida has been determined by OSEP to "Need Assistance" in meeting the requirements of IDEA for the third consecutive year. Please find attached Florida's Determination letter and supporting documents for FY 09. The Determination is based on data submitted in the FY 07 Annual Performance Report (APR) of performance made toward targets in our State Performance Plan. As you will see, sanctions imposed by the Secretary of US DOE include seeking technical assistance related to Indicator 1, Timely Services, and Indicator 9, Timely Correction of Non-Compliance. We must report to OSEP by 10/1/09 on the technical assistance we have received and on actions we have taken as a result.

CONTRACT LANGUAGE

As reported on the conference call on June 3, the contract clauses in Special Provisions 13. a. through c., related to the ARRA funding, have been replaced with the following:

13. *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds: This contract contains ARRA funds which are non-recurring and should not be used to create recurring obligations beyond June 30, 2010. The acceptance of these funds requires the Local Early Steps to ensure the following:*
 - a. *Early Steps Early Intervention Session Services and Therapy Services will not be paid below the maximum allowable rate contained in the Early Steps Service Code Taxonomy.*

In December there will be the usual Surplus/Deficit exercise to identify Local Early Steps who require additional funding to provide required direct services through June 30, 2010. If any Local Early Steps experiences monthly direct service demands that cannot be sustained by the 2009-10 allocation before the Surplus/Deficit activity, please contact your Program Manager.

NECTAC NEWS

For the most current issues of NECTAC eNotes go to <http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp>

Articles of special interest:

1. New DEC/NAEYC Position Statement on Early Childhood Inclusion
2. Creating a Healthier Future Through Early Interventions for Children
3. Promising Early Returns: Educare Implementation Study Data
4. Models for Using Title I ARRA Funds for Early Education
5. More Children At-Risk Due to Lack of Food Than Previously Thought
6. Research Findings on Effective Components of Parent Training Programs